It also decided a series of follow up measures to coordinate future activities of the G-15. India articulated the position of the G-15 countries on the evolution of a consensus on ensuring that development remained at the centre of international attention and that modalities were found to place the issues of economic development and international cooperation at the centre of the multilateral agenda. This was fully reflected in the Joint Communique adopted at the Caracas Summit, copies of which are available in Parliament Library.

Deporting of AIR correspondent from Sri Lanka

1684. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sri Lanka had in a summary manner ordered the AIR correspondent Mr. A. Karuppaswamy to be out of that country, for a mistake he committed in wrongly reporting about the resignation of the Speaker of Sri Lankan Parliament, despite the fact that he immediately corrected the mistake with an apology; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government took up the matter regarding expulsion of the AIR correspondent with Sri Lanka Government through our Mission in Colombo. Government expressed regret at the expulsion order served on Mr. Karuppaswamy inspite of the fact that both AIR and Doordarshan immediately retracted their earlier report about the resignation of the Sri Lankan Speaker. Notwithstanding our demarche, the Sri Lanka Government went through with Mr. Karuppaswamy's expulsion.

Steps taken by UK Government for containing terrorism in India

1685. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of UK has recently undertaken effectively to deal with Indian-militants outfits operating from their territory by way of financing, arms supplies and organising training of militants; and

(b) if so, what specific steps are being taken by that Government to identify such elements in UK and to monitor their activities with a view to preventing them from engineering, aiding and abetting terrorism in India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The British Government has recently undertaken some effective steps to deal with Indian militant outfits operating from its territory. This is evident from the convictions, deportation and extradition orders passed in the case of some of the terrorists.

The British Prime Minister and the Minister of State in the Foreign Ministry have made categorical statements in November, 91 expressing the British determination to put down terrorism and cooperate with India.

The Government of UK has expressed its readiness to sign an Agreement with the Government of India on Cooperation in Tracing Restraint and Confiscation of the Instruments of Crime and Terrorist Funds.

A new Charities Bill is being drafted by the British Government. When this becomes an Act it will be a deterrent against misuse of places of worship for collection of funds and for terrorist activities.